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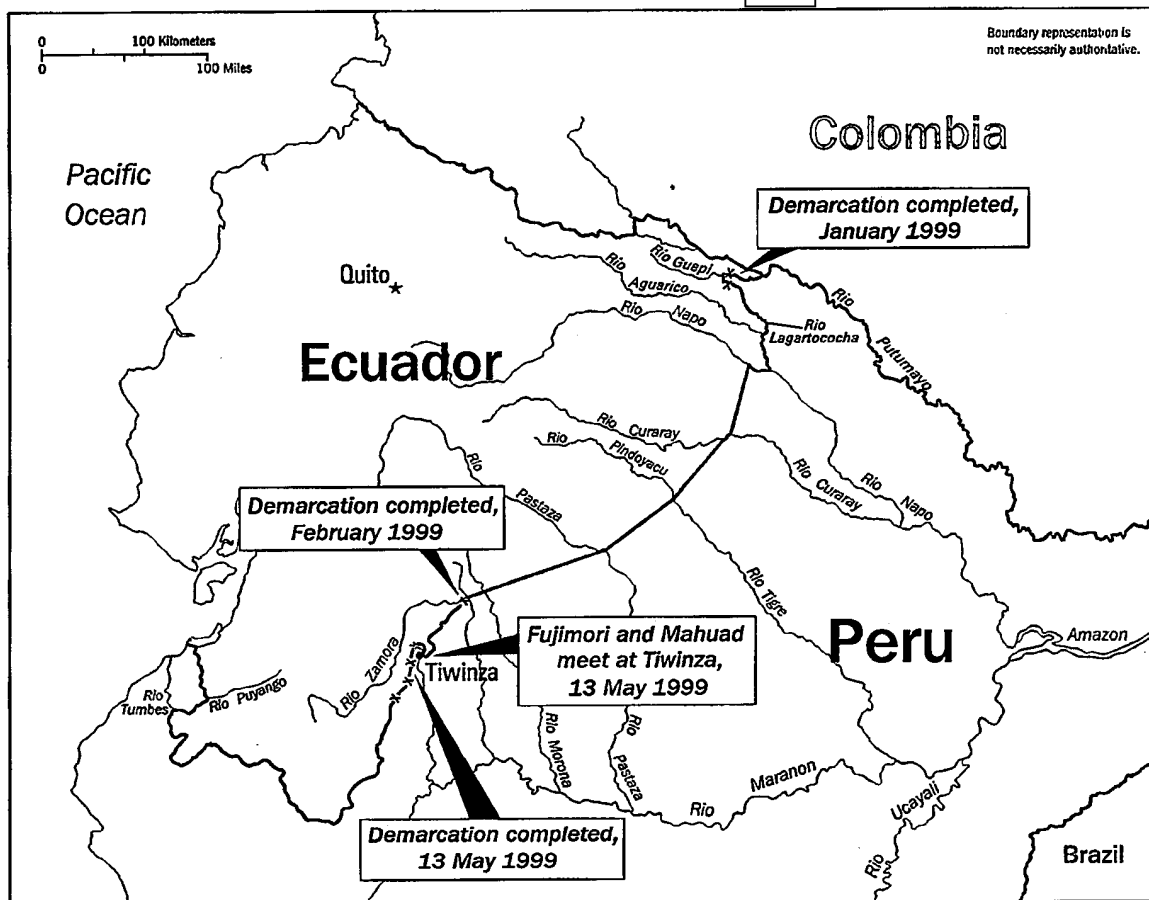
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Ecuador-Peru: Militaries Shifting Focus in Accords' Wake

The resolution of the border conflict is allowing the Peruvian and Ecuadorian militaries to focus on other security challenges such as controlling spillover from Colombia's insurgency.

- President Fujimori in February ordered additional troops to Peru's northern border to halt Colombian guerrilla incursions.

In addition, both militaries are dedicating considerable resources to internal security missions. Increasing crime and civil unrest, fueled by Ecuador's deteriorating economy, forced President Mahuad in January to direct the military to shift 8,000 troops—25 percent of the armed forces' active-duty strength—to maintaining public order.

- The Peruvian military still considers greatly weakened domestic subversive groups Sendero Luminoso and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement threats and is committed to preventing their reemergence.

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